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TAGS: ETRN, EAID, NI

SUBJECT: FAA ASSISTANCE TO NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION

REF: STATE 97187

1. EMBASSY HAS ASKED OBI FOR STATEMENT MAKING CLEAR MOT' S CURRENT CONCEPT OF THE KIND OF PRELIMINARY STUDY OF CIVIL AVIATION PROGRAM IT WANTS. OBI SEEMED PERPLEXED AS TO JUST HOW HE COULD ADD ANYTHING MEANINGFUL TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID OVER A LONG PERIOD ON THIS MATTER. BASICALLY, HE WANTS A STUDY THAT WILL TELL HIM HOW MUCH AND WHAT KIND OF FOREIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO BRING NIGERIA' S CIVIL AVIATION PROGRAM TO A POINT WHERE IT CAN BE OPERATED BY NIGERIANS AT INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS WITHOUT EXPATRIATE HELP WITHIN ACCEPTABLE TIME PERIOD.

2. OBI NOTED THAT IN DRAWING UP FIRST PHASE OF PACKAGE PROPOSAL (STATE 57000) FAA SEEMED TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF THE KIND OF STUDY THAT IS NEEDED. HE WONDERED WHY FAA COULD NOT SIMPLY EXTRACT THE STUDY ASPECT OF PHASE ONE OF PACKAGE PROPOSAL AND CONVERT IT INTO TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PRELIMINARY STUDY WHICH HE NOW WANTS. EMBASSY OFFICER SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS MOT CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION COULD DRAW ON THIS MATERIAL TO FORMULATE ITS OWN CONCEPT FOR THE STATEMENT WHICH FAA WANTS.

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3. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT OBI WILL SEE ANY USEFUL
PURPOSE IN REITERATING IN WRITING ONCE AGAIN WHAT HE
BELIEVES HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR THE PAST 18 MONTHS. WE WILL RE-
PORT ANY FURTHER REACTION, BUT BELIEVE THAT FAA SHOULD BE PRE-
PARED TO OFFER TEAM OF 3-5 EXPERTS FOR 3-4 MONTHS AS DES-
CRIBED PARA TWO REFTEL TO MET OJECTIVE STATED IN FIRST PARA-
GRAPH ABOVE.
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